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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARD DESIGNATED VEHICLE

REF: ANTANARIVIO MEMORANDUM TO OPR/ST DATED FEB. 24, 1978

1. THE REFERENCED MEMORANDUM LISTS THE VEHICLE CARRIED  
UNDER INVENTORY NUMBER 475039 AS SCHEDULED FOR REPLACEMENT.  
THIS VEHICLE IS A MARINE SECURITY GUARD DESIGNATED  
VEHICLE UNDER THE CONTROL OF SY, AND IS PROVIDED FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITY FOR  
THE MARINE GUARD DETACHMENT.

2. IN VIEW OF THE EVER CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES CONSIDERED  
IN ASSIGNING MSG VEHICLES, COMPOUNDED BY THE FACT THAT  
THERE ARE FAR FEWER VEHICLES THAN THERE ARE POSTS, SY HAS  
A POLICY OF REVIEWING THE NEED FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF  
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DESIGNATED VEHICLES AT POSTS TO WHICH THEY ARE PRESENTLY  
ASSIGNED. IN CONSIDERING REPLACEMENT, THE FOLLOWING  
FACTORS ARE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT. FIRST, THE PROXIMITY OF  
THE MARINE HOUSE TO THE EMBASSY, AND SECONDLY, THE DEGREE  
OF THREAT RELATIVE TO MOB OR TERRORIST ACTIONS.

3. IN EVALUATING THE SITUATION IN ANTANARIVIO, IT WAS

DETERMINED THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE MARINE HOUSE ADJACENT TO THE EMBASSY ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLE. SINCE THERE ARE PRESENTLY POSTS WHERE THE THREAT LEVEL IS HIGH AND THE MARINES LIVE AT SOME DISTANCE FROM THE EMBASSY, IT IS FELT THAT THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLE PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO ANTANARIVIO CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED ELSEWHERE.

4. ACCORDINGLY, THE MARINE DESIGNATED VEHICLE WILL NOT BE REPLACED AND OPR/ST WILL ISSUE SALE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE VEHICLE PRESENTLY ASSIGNED.

5. SY SINCERELY REGRETS THAT WE MUST PURSUE THIS COURSE OF ACTION. HOWEVER, WE FEEL SURE POST WILL APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR THE MOST EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF THIS VERY LIMITED ASSET. CHRISTOPHER

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